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SUBJ: CEYLONese REPRESENTATION AT LIMA NON-ALIGNED MEETING

1. JUSTICE MINISTER FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE WILL
LEAD SRI LANKA'S SIX-MAN DELEGATION TO AUG 25-
29 LIMA CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS.
OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE: ARTHUR BASNAYAKE,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS; SHIRLEY
AMERASINGHE, CEYLONese UN PERMANENT REP;
H.O. WIJEGOONEWARDENE, AMB TO CAIRO;
SUSANTHA DE ALWIS, AMB TO UN ORGANIZATIONS
IN LDNEVA; AND LEELANANDA DE SILVA, SENIOR
ASST SECTY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS MINISTRY. FOR SEVERAL YEARS, JUSTICE
MINISTER BANDARANAIKE HAS BEEN ACTING AS
DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER AT NON-ALIGNED
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MEETINGS BELOW HEAD OF GOVT LEVEL.

ENTIRE DELEGATION CAN BE CONSIDERED MODERATES
IN PRESENT GOVT. ALL MEMBERS, OTHER THAN
JUSTICE MINISTER, ARE CIVIL SERVANTS AND ARE
AMONG THOSE CONSIDERED ESPECIALLY LOYAL AND
RELIABLE BY PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE.

2. GOVT-CONTROLLED PRESS CONTAINED
STORY AUG 6 ON AGENDA FOR LIMA MEETING.
QUOTING AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES, NEWS ARTICLE
SAID DEMANDS FOR NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER
WHICH WOULD AID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE
SELF-RELIANCE WOULD BE CONFERENCE'S MAIN TOPIC.
IN THIS CONNECTION, PURPOSE OF LIMA MEETING WOULD
BE TO EVOLVE COMMON STRATEGY FOR UNGA UNDER
WHICH NON-ALIGNED WOULD CALL FOR: (1) PAYMENT
OF REASONABLE PRICES FOR PRODUCE; (2) REMOVAL
OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS IN REGARD
TO TRADE; (3) GLOBAL STRATEGY OF AID RELATIONS
BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS MENTIONED IN STORY
INCLUDE: "UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE" OF BIG POWERS
TO INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE DECLARATION;
APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ALIGNED AND
APPROVAL OF DATES FOR NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT NEXT
YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY OFFICIALS HERE
THAT DATES PROPOSED FOR SUMMIT, WHICH ARE
ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE APPROVED, ARE AUG 9 TO
AUG 20, 1976. FIRST FOUR DAYS WILL BE
MEETINGS AT DIRECTOR-GENERAL LEVEL, NEXT THREE
DAYS FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS AND FINAL THREE DAYS
WILL BE SUMMIT-MEETINGS.

4. BECAUSE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT WILL BE HELD
IN COLOMBO NEXT YEAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
FULLEST COVERAGE POSSIBLE OF LIMA MEETING.
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